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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY PROJECT-
SIMONS AND MEYER

REF: NEW DELHI 4708

1. GOI EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE, AND CULTURE MINISTER
S. NURUL HASAN STATED TO PARLIAMENT APRIL 23 THAT THIS PROJECT WAS
SUSPENDED IN APRIL, 1969, OWING TO SERIOUS DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE
AMERICAN AND INDIAN FIELD TEAMS, THAT SIMONS HAS YET TO CLARIFY
CERTAIN POINTS PERTINENT TO NEGOTIATING FOR SHARING OF THE FOSSILS,
THAT IT IS LIKELY THAT CASTS OF SOME IMPORTANT FOSSILS MAY HAVE
BEEN SENT TO THE US, AND THAT THE GOI HAS NO INFORMATION WHETHER
ANY FOSSILS HAVE BEEN TAKEN OUT OF INDIA.
2. THE MINISTER STATED BOTH THE PANJAB UNIVERSITY VICE
CHANCELLOR AND THE CO- DIRECTOR OF THE PROJECT INTIMATED NO FOSSILS
WERE MISSING, BUT IF SOME SPECIFIC CASE WERE BROUGHT TO HIS NOTICE
BY ANYONE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT, THE MATTER COULD BE
INVESTIGATED. AS IT WAS THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF ANY INQUIRY.
3. NURUL HASAN SAID THE ASIATIC SOCIETY OF BENGAL WAS A PREMIER
ORGANIZATION, THAT THE GOI HAD NO INTENTION OF INTERFERING WITH THEIR
AWARD TO PROF. SIMONS OF YALE, AND THAT THE PANJAB UNIVERSITY IS
INDEPENDENTLY CONTINUING THE PROJECT.
4. EMBASSY COMMENT: NOTHING HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION TO
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CAST ANY DOUBT ON THE HIGH PROFESSIONAL AND ETHICAL
STANDINGS OF SIMONS AND MEYER. END COMMENT

5. COPIES OF NURUL HASAN'S WRITTEN STATEMENT, THE VERBATIM
RECORD OF THE EXCHANGE IN PARLIAMETHER REQUESTED OFFICIAL RESULTS
OF SURVEY BE PROVIDED
ASAP.

2. ON ASSUMPTION THAT OFFICIAL RESULTS OF INTERFERENCE
STUDY WILL BE FORTHCOMING SHORTLY, EMBASSY PROPOSES
FOLLOWING DRAFT REPLY TO ORIGINAL DFA NOTE ON THIS SUBJECT:
RDZMMMMMMAND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE DEPARTMENT'S
NOTE NO. 73-426 OF FEBRUARY 13, 1973. IN ITS NOTE
THE DEPARTMENT INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT THE NATIONAL
POWER CORPORATION WOULD LIKE TO CONSTRUCT AN ELECTRICAL
SUB- STATION IN SAN ANTONIO, ZAMBALES ON A 4,000- SQUARE
METER SITE LOCATED WITHIN THE UNITED STATES NAPJL COM-
MUNICATIONS STATION, SAN MIGUEL. THE DEPARTMENT ASKED
THAT SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE NEED FOR
RELINQUISHMENT BY THE UNITED STATES OF THE 4,000- METER
SITE SO THAT THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT COULD BE IMPLEMENTED.
THE EMBASSY IS PLEASED TO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT THAT
NECESSARY TECHNICAL STUDIES OF POSSIBLE INTERFERENCE
EFFECTS OF THE PROPOSED POWER SUB- STATION ON TRANSMITTER
OPERATIONS AT THE US NAVAL STATION HAVE BEEN COMPLETED,
AND THAT THESE STUDIES INDICATE THAT OPERATION OF THE
POWER SUB- STATION AND TRANSMITTER OPERATIONS WILL BE
COMPATIBLE, PROVIDED TRANSMISSION LINES ARE CONSTRUCTED
A CERTAIN MINIMUM DISTANCE FROM ANTENNA STRUCTURES. IN
ORDER TO ACHIEVE REQUISITE TECHNICAL COMPATIBILITY, THE
EMBASSY PROPOSES THAT NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION EXPERTS
AND US NAVY EXPERTS CONSULT WITH ONE ANOTHER ON THE
ROUTING OF TRANSMISSION LINES.
SUBJECT TO SUCH CONSULTATION AND AGREEMENT, THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT AGREES TO RELINQUISH THE 4,000 SQUARE
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METERS OF US NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS STATION, SAN MIGUEL IN
QUESTION AND PROPOSES FURTHER THAT THE METES AND BOUNDS
COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED STATES- PHILIPPINE MUTUAL DEFENSE
BOARD AMEND ITS DESCRIPTION OF THE NAVAL STATION ACCORDINGLY.
IF THE FOREGOING IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, THE EMBASSY HAS THE HONOR TO
PROPOSE THAT THIS NOTE AND THE DEPARTMENT'S REPLY INDI-
CATING CONCURRENCE SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ON THIS MATTER." COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE.

3. REQUEST COMMENTS/ APPROVAL OF DRAFT NOTE.
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